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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed. The concise explanation of relevance of the non-English language documents is found in the attached English Abstracts thereof. In addition, European Patent No. 0725529 corresponds to Japanese Laid-Open Application No. 8-241403.

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## **CONCLUSION**

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